Housing as an Industry

2660. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from Urban Development Ministry for giving housing activity the status of 'Industry'; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and where the proposal lies at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development had suggested that Housing be declared as an Industry primarily for the purpose of affording financial assistance to this activity by Financial institutions such as Industrial Development Bank of India and Industrial Finance Corporation. The Industrial Development Bank of India Act has been recently amended enlarging the scope of the areas for providing financial assistance to activities which may be specified by issue of a notification in that regard. Amendment of Industrial Financial Corporation Act has also been taken in hand. The Ministry of Urban Development has, therefore, been advised to take up the matter regarding issue of the required notification with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs).

Diesel generating sets

2661. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is present production of diesel generating sets in India;

(b) who are the manufacturers and what is their licenced capacity and what is the capacity utilisation of each one of them;

(c) what is the production and demand forecast in this industry; and

(d) whether there are any small scale industries in India manufacturing diesel generators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Diesel Generating Sets are assembled by a large number of firms, which buy engines from M/s Kirloskar Oil Engines, M/s Best and Crompton etc. and alternators from M/s Jyoti Limited, Baroda, BHEL etc., and most of those firms are in the small scale sector. Diesel Generating Sets industry has been delicensed and included in Appendix I, whereby it is open for M.R.T.P. and FERA companies also. A few MRTP/FERA companies have applied for a licence for manufacture of diesel generating sets, but no licence has been issued so far. The details of licences/letters of intent for manufacture of portable sets are as follows :—

	Name of the fir	Licence/Letter of intent	Item	Annual Capacity
1.	M/s. Bitra Yamaha Ltd., New Delhi	Licence No. CIL : 124(85) dt. 8.4.1985	Portable Generator	75,000 Nos.
2.	M/s. Shriram Honda Power Equipment Ltd., New Delhi	Letter of intent No. 603(85) Regn. No. 210(84)/Comp/ SCS dt. 13.5.1985	—do—	1,00,000 Nos.
3.	M/s. The Enfield India Ltd., Madras	No. LI : 348(86)/Regn. No. 20 86]/Comp/ SCS dt. 29.4.1986	—do—	19,600 Nos.

The statistic relating to manufacture of Diesel Generating Sets are not centrally maintained.